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1. Between 4 and 7 August 1953, all standard- and narrow-gauge freight cars operating in East Germany were recorded. Freight cars operating abroad during the period mentioned were recorded while re-entering East Germany between 8 August and 31 October. The inventory was prepared by special commissions formed at the Ministry of Railroads, the railroad district headquarters, and railroad offices. All personnel involved in taking the inventory were made familiar with procedures to be followed. After the completion, all records were transmitted for evaluation to a commission in Leipzig-Wahren, which eliminated all double-recording and other unclear points.

2. The inventory had the following result:

a. Standard-Gauge Cars:

Type of Cars	Operational	CO-Cars	A-Cars	N-Cars	Without Axles	KWL	Leased Cars	Total
G	33363	-	114	386	62	99	38	34062
T	960	-	7	2	4	79	-	1052
R	1631	-	4	-	-	-	399	2034
V	130	-	-	-	1	-	-	131
O	63065	715	1458	871	1902	87	412	68510
R	11777	-	11	123	83	6	133	12133
S	3825	-	168	89	92	13	48	4235
H	1000	-	1	2	8	1	-	1012
X	3647	22	161	87	225	13	143	4298
Z	12886	-	133	136	8	32	-	13193
Deng	1994	-	-	-	-	-	-	1994
Hong	2265	-	-	27	-	-	-	2292

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b. Narrow-Gauge Cars:

Type of Cars	Operational	Heavily Damaged	Total
G	1027	29	1056
O	2072	46	2118
Pl	356	10	366
Bdwg and Dgwg	81		81
	3536	85	3621

Note: The abbreviations used have the following meaning:

OO-cars: equipment not fully serviceable, in most cases the load capacity is reduced.

A-cars: equipment deactivated because of heavy damages.

W-cars: damaged equipment capable of repair.

KWL cars: equipment previously privately owned, now carried in the records of the  
Tank Car Distribution Point.

G - boxcars

T - refrigerator cars

K - hinged-lid cars

V - partitioned-off cars

O - gondola cars

R - flatcars fitted with sideracks

S - " " iron sideracks

H - pivoted bogie cars

X - railroad shop cars

Z - tank cars

Dgwg - railroad service cars used for the transportation of freights

Bdwg - railroad service cars

Pl - flatcars.

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Boxcars:	30789 units
Refrigerator cars:	846 "
Hinged-lid cars:	2002 "
Partitioned-off cars:	143 "
Gondola cars:	53134 "
Flatcars fitted with sideracks:	8528 "
" " iron sideracks:	3762 "
Pivoted bogie cars:	1077 "
Railroad shop cars:	7903 "
Railroad service cars used for the trans- portation of freights:	2119 "
Railroad service cars:	3271 "
Total:	113574 units

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